

# Senate Study Bill 1235

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DEARDEN)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an upland game bird study advisory committee  
2 and providing an immediate effective date.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. UPLAND GAME BIRD STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. An  
1 2 upland game bird study advisory committee is established for  
1 3 the purpose of studying the best ways to restore sustainable  
1 4 and socially acceptable populations of pheasants and quail in  
1 5 the state to maximize the economic value of upland game bird  
1 6 hunting to Iowa's economy while balancing the needs of the  
1 7 agricultural industry.  
1 8 1. The advisory committee shall be composed of the  
1 9 following members:  
1 10 a. One representative from each of the following  
1 11 organizations or entities who, if possible, is involved with  
1 12 policy decisions for that organization or entity, to be  
1 13 appointed by the governor:  
1 14 (1) Iowa association of county conservation boards.  
1 15 (2) Iowa farm bureau federation.  
1 16 (3) Iowa farmers union.  
1 17 (4) Iowa conservation alliance.  
1 18 (5) Pheasants forever.  
1 19 (6) Quails forever.  
1 20 (7) Iowa hospitality association.  
1 21 (8) Iowa restaurant association.  
1 22 (9) Iowa realtors association.  
1 23 (10) The department of transportation.  
1 24 (11) Iowa chapter of the sierra club.  
1 25 (12) Ducks unlimited.  
1 26 (13) Outdoor writer's association.  
1 27 (14) A person who represents a farm land management  
1 28 company.  
1 29 (15) Two persons who are farmers, one who farms in  
1 30 northern Iowa and one who farms in southern Iowa.  
1 31 (16) Two persons who hunt upland game birds, one who  
1 32 resides in northern Iowa and one who resides in southern Iowa.  
1 33 b. Two legislative staff members, one from the staff of  
1 34 United States Senator Tom Harkin and one from the staff of  
1 35 United States Senator Charles Grassley, or their designees.  
2 1 c. The director of the department of natural resources, or  
2 2 a designee.  
2 3 d. The secretary of agriculture, or a designee.  
2 4 e. The director of the department of economic development,  
2 5 or a designee.  
2 6 f. A representative of the United States fish and wildlife  
2 7 service.  
2 8 g. The executive director of the farm service agency, or a  
2 9 designee.  
2 10 i. A member of the state soil conservation committee, or a  
2 11 designee.  
2 12 j. A representative of the Iowa state university fisheries  
2 13 and wildlife cooperative unit.  
2 14 k. Two members of the senate, one of whom is appointed by  
2 15 the majority leader of the senate and one of whom is appointed  
2 16 by the minority leader of the senate.  
2 17 l. Two members of the house of representatives, one of  
2 18 whom is appointed by the speaker of the house of

2 19 representatives and one of whom is appointed by the minority  
2 20 leader of the house of representatives.

2 21 2. The director of the department of natural resources or  
2 22 the director's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the  
2 23 advisory committee.

2 24 3. Legislative members of the committee are eligible for  
2 25 per diem and reimbursement of actual expenses as provided in  
2 26 section 2.10.

2 27 4. The committee shall review, analyze, and make  
2 28 recommendations on issues relating to the state's upland game  
2 29 bird population, including but not limited to the following:

2 30 a. The current status of Iowa's upland game bird  
2 31 populations and harvest and habitat management programs.

2 32 b. Current farm programs and their impact on upland game  
2 33 bird populations.

2 34 c. The economic impact and value of Iowa's upland game  
2 35 bird populations to Iowa.

3 1 d. Upland game bird population challenges and programs in  
3 2 other midwestern states.

3 3 e. New and innovative ways to restore sustainable  
3 4 populations of Iowa's upland game birds.

3 5 f. An assessment of public opinion concerning the impact  
3 6 and value of Iowa's upland game bird populations.

3 7 5. The advisory committee shall complete its deliberations  
3 8 in December 2009 and submit a final report to the governor and  
3 9 the general assembly summarizing the committee's activities,  
3 10 analyzing the issues studied, and including any other  
3 11 information or recommendations that the committee deems  
3 12 relevant and necessary by January 10, 2010. Copies of the  
3 13 final report shall be sent to the national resource  
3 14 conservation service, the United States fish and wildlife  
3 15 service, and to members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

3 16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
3 17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

#### 3 18 EXPLANATION

3 19 This bill establishes an upland game bird study advisory  
3 20 committee for the purpose of studying the best ways to restore  
3 21 a sustainable and socially acceptable population of pheasants  
3 22 and quail in the state to maximize the economic value of  
3 23 upland game bird hunting to Iowa's economy while balancing the  
3 24 needs of the agricultural industry.

3 25 The committee is composed of members representing specified  
3 26 organizations, entities, and interests appointed by the  
3 27 governor, as well as the director of the department of natural  
3 28 resources, the secretary of agriculture, and the director of  
3 29 the department of economic development, or their designees.

3 30 The committee membership also includes legislative staff  
3 31 members of United States Senators Harkin and Grassley or their  
3 32 designees, and four members of the general assembly.

3 33 The committee is directed to review, analyze, and make  
3 34 recommendations on issues relating to the state's upland game  
3 35 bird population, complete its deliberations in December 2009,  
4 1 and submit a final report to the governor and the general  
4 2 assembly by January 10, 2010. Copies of the final report are  
4 3 to be sent to the national resource conservation service, the  
4 4 United States fish and wildlife service, and to members of  
4 5 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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